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FORMER MCLENNAN COUNTY DEPUTY CONSTABLE SENTENCED

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that in Waco, Texas, 38-year-old Kevin Scott Baker of Bellmead, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, Jr., to 48 months in prison for charges relating to delivery of marijuana.

On December 10, 2004 a federal jury in Waco convicted Defendant Baker of delivery of marijuana. The incident occurred on January 30, 2004 at a Bellmead motel room. At trial, the United States presented evidence that a Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Service informant arranged for the purchase of an ounce of marijuana from Baker. At the time of the sale, the informant was to pay Baker for another 1/4 pound of marijuana he had previously "fronted" to the informant. Telephone conversations between the informant and Baker were tape recorded by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Baker later arrived at the motel room to make the delivery. A DPS agent videotaped Baker's arrival at the motel. Baker was driving his Precinct 8 Constable's vehicle. According to trial testimony, he was also wearing his Constable's uniform underneath a jacket and carrying his service firearm.

"It is outrageous that a police officer would sell marijuana out of his patrol car. Deputy Constable Baker earned every day of this sentence," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Service and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Mark Frazier and Shelly Strimple.

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